इस प्रकार यह स्पष्ट है कि विभिन्न क्षेत्रों की मांग ज्यादातर पूरी ही की जा रही है। फिर भी विभिन्न कारणों से कुछ क्षेत्रों में सप्लाई में कमी हुई है। इन कठिनाइयों को दूर करने के लिए समय-समय पर सुधार की कार्रवाई की गई है।

Cement Industry

♦177. SHRI'BASUDEB MOHAPA-TRA. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the. cement industry is facing problem of p°wer supply in some of tne major cement producing states and the coal used by the plants has been found to be of inferior quality;

(b) if so, what steps Government have . taken to boost the' cement production;

(c) what was the total production of cement during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(d) what would b* the production target for 1987-88;

(e) whether Government have any proposals *io open* new cement factories in the country; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER' OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Cement plants located in certain major cement producing States and particu-Jarly in the States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Rajastban and recentliy Andhra Pradesh have been facing problem, of power cuts| short supply of power. In regard to" the quality of coal, there have been some complaints about the size °f coal, low calorific value and presence of extraneous material m the coal supplied,

(b) In order to overcome power short age cement industry hag'been advised to ihstal captive power plants to meet about 40 per cent of their power requirement. Almost all the cement units in power de ficit States have installed captive, power plants. The concerned State Governments have also. been requested to minimise - power-cuts on cement factories. With a view to ensure proper 'sizing and removal , of extraneous materials, ocal handling plants are being constructed at the collieries. Independent quality control organisations have also been set up jn each coal company to monitor the quality of coal supplied. With a view to overcome the jnfrastructural constraints, the Department of Industrial Development as well as the Development Commissioner for Ce . ment Industry have been constantly in touch with the concerned agencies to ensure that the constraints are rpmoved| minimised expeditiously, As a result of these efforts, the production of cement has been steadily going up. As against production of 18. 56 million tonnes jn 1980-81, the production during the year 1986-87 was 36. 50 million tonnes.

(c) The production during 1985-86 and 1986-87 was 33. 10 million and 36. 50 million tonne's respectively.

(d) A production target of 42. 50 million tonnes have been fixed for 1987-88.

(e) and (f) The following large cement plants are expected to be commissioned during 1987: 88: —

Statement

Name of the Company	Capacity (Lakh tonnes)	Location
Cement Corporation of India Ltd. '	Tandur, A. P. 10. 00	
	TOTAL 34-99	

•Substantial Expansion